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SUBJECT: SITREP--VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

REF: (A) HONG KONG 4829; (B) HONG KONG 4831

1. SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM REFTEL A IS THE ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL MAY 4 IN HONG KONG OF DANISH MERCHANT SHIP CARRYING SOME 3,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES REF B. ONLY ADDITIONAL PERSONS SEEKING ASSISTANCE NOT REPORTED REFTEL WERE FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF AIR VIETNAM HONG KONG AND HER SON. THEY HAVE VALID HONG KONG VISAS FOR ANOTHER TWO-THREE MONTHS AND WERE REFERRED TO ISS FOR ASSISTANCE IN APPLYING FOR SECTION 203 (A) (7) RELIEF.

2. AT PRESENT, AT LEAST 23 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARE IN PROCESS OF APPLYING UNDER 203(A) (7). WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A FEASIBLE METHOD OF HANDLING THE LOCAL SITUATION. THERE IS CURRENTLY A FOUR-MONTH WAITING PERIOD PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, IF INS CONTINUES TO TREAT VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE EQUALLY UNDER FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. ADDITIONAL 40-DAY WAIT
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INS/STATE AGREEMENT, APPROVED P-7 APPLICANT MUST POSSESS TRAVEL DOCUMENT VALID FOR 24 MONTHS AFTER CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO US. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER HKG WOULD CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF 24 MONTH REENTRY VISA FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES APPROVED FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY. ISS HAS OBTAINED LIMITED AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AGENCY ASSURANCES (INS FORM I-591) FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND WE ARE THUS FAR PROCESSING SUCH CASES THROUGH ISS. USARM, HONG KONG CHIEF HAS AUTHORIZED ISS TO USE REGULAR USARM SERVICE CONTRACT FUNDS FOR MEDICALS AND DOCUMENTATION IF NECESSARY FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. WE ALSO LACK PERSONNEL TO PROCESS RAPIDLY A LARGE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

3. ON BALANCE, THE ONLY SOLUTION WE SEE FOR RESOLUTION OF LOCAL VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS FOR CONGEN OFFICERS TO BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PAROLE DOCUMENTS. CROSS

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